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League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC)

RESOLUTION on TASER Technology

WHEREAS, LULAC has championed the protection of civil rights for Hispanic communities since its inception and has been at the forefront for the struggle of justice, equality and peace; and

WHEREAS, in certain cities across America, due to the number of Hispanics residing in those states, it is important to increase cooperation at the local and national level, and avoid the misuse of these weapons in our communities; and

WHEREAS, due to the rapid adoption of the TASER technology by local police departments it is important to support an environment that creates a system of accountability when TASERS are deployed in our communities - including calling for safeguards that require remote stun guns such as TASERS be serialized with tracking systems to effectively trace who has fired each device to deter misuse. And further requires that all purchasers are registered, establishes prohibited classes such as convicted felons who may not possess remote stun guns, and enhances penalties for misuse; and

WHEREAS, Hispanics have the right to live in safe neighborhoods, free from crime and violence, it is important that we take an active position to work with local law enforcement to develop the appropriate use-of-force standards for the communities in which we reside; and

WHEREAS, As LULAC National Vice President - Southwest, I encourage the National Board and the National Civil Rights Task Force, to reach out to TASER International, the primary manufacturer of advanced non-lethal devices for use in law enforcement throughout the country; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) will invite TASER International to make a presentation to the National Board of Directors to discuss TASER technology, the appropriate use of its products and it's impact on communities across America.

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